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Dear Mr. Bice:

Thanks for your letter of Feb. 4. From what I have been told you did a great deal to help the Fernandezes adjust to life in Martinsburg. It is rare in such small towns to find even one person who is sufficiently concerned about people to do so. Many others in Martinsburg distrusted or stayed away from them, from what I have heard. Your concern for them speaks highly of you.

I agree with your feeling about Mrs. Hoover's reliability, but in strictest confidence you should know that Mrs. Hoover's description of the paper has received corroboration from a much more reliable source, independent of her. In addition, that paper was not the only thing she found. There was much more just as there are some things about the Fernandezes which you undoubtedly do not know. My continued interest in this is not based on what the FBI agents wrote in their reports, since that was only a small part of the story, and some of it is falsely reported, probably through carelessness. For example, according to three people interviewed independently (Mrs. Hoover, Mr. Kauffman, and Mrs. Kauffman), Mrs. Kauffman was interviewed in the presence of her mother, not alone. This is an important thing to know since it could detract from the reliability of Mrs. Kauffman's testimony. And even then, the FBI reports leave it that the paper contained Ruby's name, but probably not Oswald's. That in and of itself would be important and should have been further investigated. Furthermore, Mrs. Hoover sent Senator Scott many other items (I have a letter to substantiate this from him) and he forwarded them to the FBI, but the FBI never sent them to the National Archives where they should be. Over 61 people have stated under oath that the FBI misreported their testimony (including police officers, congressmen, etc.).

I would be indebted to you if you could send me a copy of those articles. If I can answer any questions for you in the future, feel free to contact me. Enclosed is a new piece of information which may be of interest to you. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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